BAR HILL NEWS

December 2016; Issue 577

Bar Hill Residents' Association wishes you all a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

— COMING UP —

BAR HILL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 3rd December

10.30am – 2pm

In the Octagon & Church
CB23 8EH

— Entry is Free —

Many stalls & a Photography Exhibition
All profits go to community projects.
Refreshments with mince pies.
Soup & bread at lunch time
If you wish to be part of the market please contact
Karen Austen on 01954 781085.
e-mail: bar.hill.community.market@gmail.com
Facebook: Bar Hill Community Market.

— CHRISTMAS FAYRE —

3rd December 2.30–4.30pm at Bar Hill School

Come and meet Santa, eat some goodies and buy those beautiful hand crafted gifts for loved ones.
A variety of stalls and refreshments.

Bar Hill Church Music Group and Meridian Theatre Presents

A Seasonal Miscellany

Songs, readings, poems,
sketches (and a few jokes) about
Winter and Christmas
at **Bar Hill Church** on
Saturday 3rd December at 8pm
Tickets: **£5 from Chris Avery 01954 781233**
or Di Chapman at Church
*This event replaces "**Housebound**" which has been cancelled due to illness.*
All profits to Bar Hill Church

did you know Santa's sleigh travels at 2,340,000 mph to reach every house in the world on Christmas Eve? That's 822 homes every second...

— OPERATION HUNTER —

Burglaries typically rise around Christmas, so come to an event organised by the Police
on Tuesday 6th December
from 5.30–8pm
in Bar Hill Church

Creating a safer Cambridgeshire

- *crime prevention talk at 6pm*
- *speak with senior police officers*
- *discuss local issues*
- *meet our new PCSO*
- *purchase shed alarms, window alarms & smart water at cost price*

Refreshments with **FREE** donuts for first 70 attendees!

OVER DAY CENTRE — CHRISTMAS FAYRE —

Get into the spirit at our Christmas Fayre
from **2pm on Friday 9th December**
at **Over Day Centre.**
Stalls include Christmas Items, Jewellery, Craft Items, Cake Stall, Tombola and a Grand Raffle Prize.
Come and join us for a cuppa!
Over Day Centre, 1 Drings Close, Over CB24 5NZ.

— CHRISTMAS CRAFTS —

Friday 21st December from 10am–12noon
at Bar Hill Preschool.
£2 per child *(max £5 per family)* at the Village Hall.
A range of Christmas crafts and decorations to take home – appropriate for all ages.
Parents/carers to stay with children.

Have **YOU** seen the **'Important Information for Dog Owners'** on the Bar Hill website?
www.barhill.org.uk/pooh.php

— BAR HILL DOGS CALENDARS —

will be on sale at **Bar Hill Community Christmas Market on 3rd December.**
You can also order copies from **Sarah Austen**
E: saz_austen2005@hotmail.co.uk; T: 07913 690021.
£5 per calendar.
All profits to Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

Deadline for FEBRUARY'S *edition: 15th January to* bhneditor@yahoo.com *or see page 2 for other contacts.* DON'T FORGET WE DON'T PUBLISH IN JANUARY.

— BAR HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION —

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The objectives of the association are to act as an intermediary between residents and other parties, to keep residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association. Anonymous letters will not be published, but names and addresses may be withheld. However, these may be made available should a written request be received. This is a private publication and may not be reproduced in any way without the prior permission of the Bar Hill Residents' Association Committee.

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EDITORIAL

There is no charge for Articles, What's On, For Sale and Lost and Found, and these appear at the Editor's discretion. Please submit items by 15th of the month. All telephone numbers without an area code are Crafts Hill (01954). All items can be submitted electronically on disc or to bhneditor@yahoo.com *[a Word file is best, please]* or hard copy via Parish Council Office.

— THE MAPLE SURGERY —

Tel: **01954 780442**
www.mhmaple.co.uk

Out of Hours Emergencies call **111**
(Cambridgeshire and Peterborough 111 Service)

Surgery Opening times:
Monday to Friday 8.15am – 6.30pm
On the day appointments: bookable by phone at ***8.30am*** for the ***mornings*** and at ***1.30pm*** for ***afternoons***.

Midwife	Thursday	9.30am–12.30pm
Physiotherapist	Tuesday	1.00–4.30pm
Podiatrist	Wed. & Friday	8.45am–12 noon *and* 1.00–4.00pm
Orthoptist	2nd Tues/month	9.00am–12.30pm
Cambs Hearing Help	4th Tues/month	9.30–11.30am
Health Visitors *(based at Longstanton)*:		**01954 207612**
Well Child Clinics:	3rd Tues/month	1.00–2.30pm

at the Children's Centre, Bar Hill *(next to Primary School)*.

— BAR HILL HEALTH WALKS —

Free every Wednesday morning
Meet at Maple Surgery at 10.30am

Our walks are all weather *(in case of rain you will find us under the Church porch)*, free, and accessible to all, particularly those who are currently inactive.
Walks are 45–60 minutes long, and led by trained Volunteer Walk Leaders. Shorter walks may be available; contact Patricia or Josephine to discuss.
We meet locally after the walk for a hot drink and a chat. This is usually in the library, but may sometimes be at Costa, Tesco, or the Fox.
If this is your first walk please arrive 10 minutes early to complete a short health questionnaire. Copies are available on the PPG noticeboard in Maple Surgery, and at www.walkingforhealth.org.uk.
Contact: **Josephine Powell** T: **07901 558108**; E: jopowell45@hotmail.com or **Patricia Daniels** T: **07917 874402**; E: danielsoohn@btinternet.com.

— WANTED —

Reception Class at Bar Hill School would be grateful for Lego and toy cars.
Please contact **Jo Hall**, 11 Almond Grove; tel: **01954 780304**

HAVING PROBLEMS WITH COMPUTERS OR NEW TECHNOLOGY?

The solution is to ***Learn IT*** with ***Laura***. Professional and personal support and training in your home.
T: **07889 261282**; E: info@learnitwithlaura.co.uk
W: www.learnitwithlaura.co.uk

— NWR —
CONNECTING WOMEN WHO ARE INTERESTED IN EVERYTHING AND TALK ABOUT ANYTHING

NWR is a national women's organisation with members who enjoy lively conversations both serious and light hearted. It is for women of all ages, who like to be informed and share ideas by actively participating in the content of meetings. We promote friendship and self-confidence for lively minded women. We invite you to join us. Come along to one of our meetings, you would be very welcome.

8th Dec. **BREXIT or Bust?** How are we feeling now?
22nd Dec. **The don't mention Christmas Quiz**
5th Jan. **Speaker**
19th Jan. **My worst job ever** (paid or unpaid)
21st Jan. **Cheesy Winter Social**
2nd Feb. **Mental health the last taboo**

The Bar Hill NWR group meets informally in members' homes on alternate Thursday evenings at 8pm. We pay an annual fee of £20 and just £1 per meeting to cover local costs. If you would like more information or someone to accompany you to a meeting, please don't hesitate to call Marie-The Last on **01954 780329** or Jackie Jackson on **01954 781613.**

NWR can also be found on www.nwr.org.uk. Why not have a look!

IDEAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT
For Sale

2 x Stratos Adventure Road Cycles – 1 Male 1 Female
Shimano gears – Shifter 3/7 speed
Rear Derailleur 6/7 – Front Derailleur, Band on triple
Both bikes UNUSED - Cost £219 each – Sell £175 each
2 Helmets UNUSED – Cost £40 each – sell £25 each

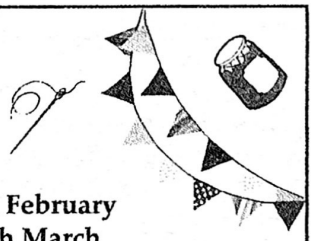
Special price: £350 the lot
including pump and repair in bag

Reason for sale – seemed a good idea at the time but our health did not agree!

TONY: 07831 895007 or 01954 789848

Did you know atychiphobia is the fear of failure?

BAR HILL COMMUNITY MARKET



Saturday 4th February
Saturday 4th March
Saturday 1st April
10.30am – 2pm
In the Octagon CB23 8EH

— Entry is Free —

All profits go to community/charity projects.
Refreshments and BBQ *(weather permitting)*
If you wish to be part of the market please contact **Karen Austen** on **01954 781085.**
e-mail: bar.hill.community.market@gmail.com
Facebook: Bar Hill Community Market.

— HAPPY HOURS —

Our Club meets most Mondays in the Octagon building of Bar Hill Church and runs from 11am until 3pm, with coffee, tea and light lunches. Our Winter lunch time menu consists of soup and a roll or baked potato with butter (at £1.50 each) or filled baked potatoes *(cheese, tuna mayo or baked beans)* or a ploughman's lunch (at £2 each). Our aim is to provide friendship and companionship so why not come along and give us a try? You can have a good old natter, a game or two, or enjoy our other various activities. We would welcome new members.

Coming up in December and January:
5th Dec. Christmas sing-a-long
12th Dec. Christmas Dinner – ***members only***
19th & 26th December, 2nd January: ***no meeting.***
9th Jan. Games and a quiz
16th Jan. Charades
23rd Jan. Fun with Flags
30th Jan. Chinese New Year

2016 has been a wonderful year and may 2017 rival it. At this time of the year there is so much to be thankful for and so much to look forward to in the coming year as Bar Hill celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

***Anne Plumb*, 01954 780364**

BAR HILL SCHOOL — PTA

The next PTA meeting **16th January 2017** in the **school community room.** If you have any free time come along and join us.

Events

3rd Dec: Christmas Fayre *(see page 1)*
9th Dec: Christmas Raffle will be drawn at lunchtime, any parent/guardian or friend that doesn't have a child at the school will be contacted about collecting prizes. for all at school please check your parent mail for the winning list.
9th Dec: End of term Discos – Reception, Yr 1 & Yr 2: 6-7.15pm; Year 3, 4, 5 & 6: 7 .30–9.00pm. £2.50 a ticket from the school office, or on the door.
16th Dec: End of term.
4th Jan: Start of new term.
28th Jan: The Big Pop Quiz *(see page 30).*

— 8 O'CLOCK CLUB —

We are a women's group that meets on the first Thursday of the month in the lounge at the school. We have a variety of speakers as well as an annual garden party, birthday party and Christmas meal.

1st December – Christmas meal – *members only*
5th January 2017 – no meeting
2nd February – Talk about the Norris Museum in St Ives and the redevelopments it is making
2nd March – Birthday party – *members only*

If you would like further information please phone **Barbara** on **01954 204171, Adela** on **01954 204265, Ann** on **01954 204687,** or come along to one of our meetings. We would be very pleased to meet you.

— LETTERS —

Dear Editor

Bar Hill Skate Park – or rather lack of

A few evenings ago, I took a walk over to the old Skate Park area to see what was happening. To my surprise, there was approximately 10 young people just sitting chatting and shooting the breeze, so I asked them if they knew what was happening to their skate park. Sadly their reply was quite negative and I can't say I blame them.

I understand that the skate park was demolished in December 2013 by the Parish Council, as it was felt a safety risk. If the youngsters had smashed it up, this would have been classed as an act of vandalism. In the young people's opinion it could have been repaired and brought back to a safe condition far cheaper than paying a person with a digger to destroy the whole thing. This doesn't seem to have been the wisest decision taken by the Parish Council.

Now three years on and as mentioned after visiting the site, it would appear that nothing has happened to reinstate it. We are now stuck with a derelict and litter covered wasteland.

I found that back in March 2015, some 15 months after the park had been destroyed, the Parish Council were still talking about trying to unsuccessfully secure different grant submissions, although on a positive the Parish Council had committed to provide £10,000 for the project. Surely this amount of money could have "repaired" an awful lot of skate park.

Now I'm sure we've all grumbled about, or read and heard via the media, that "the young people of today just want to sit in their bedrooms playing on computers" or "they're being anti-social" and "young kids are overweight", they simple can't win, where does Bar Hill and the Parish Council suggest they go.

I would like to suggest that residents, especially the youngsters, spend a few minutes watching Bar Hill Skate Park Update (5th Jan) on YouTube; an informative short film made by Ryd Cook, and put forward your comments to the BHN and Parish Council.

I feel it's time that something positive was done and done quickly with respect to giving these youngsters back their Skate Park and use the area wisely. The Parish Council OWE it to them.

Regards

G Caswell, Field View

— BAR HILL INTERCHANGE —

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Upgrade

Hopefully by now you'll have seen local information from the public exhibitions – go to www.gov.uk/government/organisations/highways-england.

The Parish Council has made representations about the new interchange for Bar Hill.

So far Highways England have not been able to reassure us regarding our concerns that Bar Hill is going to be the major interchange for all the local villages. Traffic coming up from local villages – Dry Drayton, Northstowe, Oakington and Longstanton –will have to come up to Bar Hill and through two sets of traffic lights on single carriage road.

Dear Editor

Thank you from your Community Market

I would like to say a BIG thank you to all who have come to any markets in 2016. We have donated money to the Scouts for new tents. We were also able to help the Church, Hearing Dogs, Annabelle, a student raising money for a school trip, and the Scouts. These organisations all raised money for their causes by serving the refreshments at one of our markets.

We wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year and hope to see you at our Christmas Market on 3rd December, and in 2017.

Thank you again

Karen Austen

Dear Editor

We'd like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all who shared the fun of our Halloween display, raising a fantastic £224.00 for the Cardiac Unit, Addenbrookes.

THANK YOU ALL!

Gail and Richard, 12 Appletrees

— MY FAIR LADY —

The Over Players are pleased to announce that 'My Fair Lady' is coming to Over from **Tuesday 30th May to Saturday 3rd June 2017**

Why not come and join us?

We will be one of the first groups in the UK to perform this glorious musical in six years, as no-one has been able to obtain the licence – until now!

The Cinderella story about the Cockney flower girl Eliza Doolittle and the appealingly arrogant Professor Higgins is an endearing tale that charms audiences with its vivid characters and unforgettable songs, including: "Wouldn't It Be Loverly", "On the Street Where You Live", "I Could Have Danced All Night" and "Get Me To The Church On Time".

Wednesday 18th January 2017 – read-through 7.45pm, Over Church Hall

Wednesday 25th January 2017 – auditions from 7.30pm. Over Community Centre, The Doles, Over CB24 5NW.

Rehearsals will take place in the Church Hall on **Wednesdays 7.45–10 pm.** Principals also on Thursdays.

For more information, please contact: **Christine Turner: 01954 201218** or c.turner1@hotmail.com

— BAR HILL VILLAGE WEBSITE —

www.barhill.org.uk

You can find updates on such matters as the A14 upgrade, Northstowe, Topland and the environment on the Bar Hill Village website, along with lots of other information.

If you wish to put an item on the website, get in touch with the webmaster by either following the links on the website, or e-mail: barhill@machineconcepts.co.uk

Your Bar Hill News is available, without advertising pages, at www.barhill.org.uk/bhn.php by about 10 days before the paper copy is delivered.

— GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION —

Although the 350 acres which comprise Bar Hill became a parish in its own right on 1st April 1966, the village with its residents and institutions took shape a year later:
24th May 1967: the first residents, Mr and Mrs Bob Burry, moved into 58 Acorn Avenue;
1st October 1967: members of Bar Hill Church first met together for the first time at 19 Acorn Avenue;
20th October 1967; the inaugural meeting of the Bar Hill Residents' Association, attended by seven residents;
December 1967: the Bar Hill News was first published.
The year **2017**, therefore, marks the **FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY** of when Bar Hill became a village rather than a legal entity. To mark this, a series of events are planned to take place during the year of which the list below is a provisional schedule:
Friday, 10th March: a celebratory dinner, at which it is hoped that the original architect of the village will be the speaker.
Monday 1st to Wednesday 31st May: a display of photographs and documents from the Cambridgeshire Collection and other sources in the library to mark the arrival of the village's first residents.
Friday 9th June: Bar Hill School PTA Golden Jubilee Fun Day.
Saturday 1st July: The Bar Hill Golden Jubilee Fete.
Friday–Sunday 14th–16th July: a Flower Festival in the Church Centre, village organisations being asked to submit a display.
Also, **Memories** Residents will be asked to display photographs and newspaper cuttings of the history of the village. On the Friday, a member of the Royal Family may visit the village.
Saturday 12 August: Bar Hill Sports and Social Club Golden Jubilee celebration.
Friday 29th September to 1st October: Bar Hill Church celebration weekend, marking the church's own Golden Jubilee, including a performance of the musical *Godspell*, featuring Bar Hill's own choir, 'Sing it Loud', a **barn dance**, and a special **Jubilee Sunday service.**
Friday–Sunday, 27th–29th October: a series of events to conclude the end of the Jubilee year.
Happy Hours will be putting on a Jubilee event in next year's programme.
Bar Hill Scouts will organise a Jubilee event.
Bar Hill School will feature Jubilee events during the Spring and Summer terms.
Bar Hill Cricket Club will be putting on a special match, possibly against an Umpires Eleven.
Merchandise of varying descriptions will be on sale at various points in the village during the year.

— OVER SURGERY & PHARMACY—

1 Drings Close, Over CB24 5NZ
T: 01954 231550; E: admin.oversurgery@nhs.net
Pharmacy: T: 01954 233457;
E: overhelathcare@nhs.net
Happy Christmas & a Healthy 2017 to all our patients.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO WORK WITH THE CAMBRIDGE CONSERVATORS IN THE BAR HILL NATURE RESERVE

— Sunday 19th February at 10.30am —

The Nature Reserve has had much work done in previous years, thanks to Bar Hill Volunteers, Cambridge Conservators and Rob Mungovan, Ecological Officer at South Cambs.
Further work is needed in the Reserve, so please join us at the **Village Hall Car Park** at about **10.30am**, where we will be working to improve identified areas. You'll need, Wellies, a warm jacket, etc. There will be more information in February's Bar Hill News.
It is a day of fun, work and you will get a real feeling of achievement.

BAR HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Sue Bell, Parish Clerk: **01954 780456**
e-mail: bhillpc-1@btconnect.com.
Please note that the office is open to **residents** between **9am–11am Monday, Tuesday** and **Wednesday.** Visit our website: www.barhill.org.uk for updates on local matters.
The next full **Parish Council meeting** will be held on **Thursday 15th December at 7pm** in the Parish Council Office. Members of the public and press are welcome. There is an Open Forum at the start of each meeting for residents to put their views across. Minutes of the previous month's meeting are on the village notice board. **Items for the agenda** must be placed with the Clerk at least seven days before the relevant committee/meeting.
***Handy telephone numbers*:**
Streetlights: 0800 253529 – *give number of lamp post*;
Anglian Water: *(water supply and sewerage)*: **03457 145 145;**
South Cambs District Council: 03450 450500;
County Council: *(damaged paths and roads)*: **01223 717111;**
Abandoned Tesco trolleys: Trolley Wise: **0800 316 1241.**

Did you know the first time the Queen's Christmas Speech was ever televised was in 1957?

JH FITNESS ACADEMY

a Gym with a difference in Bar Hill

JH Fitness Academy specialises in group fitness classes and one-to- one personal training.
"No goal was ever met without a little sweat."

Trainer Junior Herbert is a former ISKA Commonwealth Muay Thai Champion, and three times National Kickboxing and Muay Thai Champion. He has been personally training clients since 2003.
The following classes are held between 6am and 9pm:
• Thai boxing • boot camp • elite boot camp • body blast • Kettlecise • Boxercise • agility strength and conditioning • Zumba gold • one-to-one personal training • thighs, tums and bums •
You'll find us at 46 Viking Way, Bar Hill • CB23 8EL;
T: 07900 553963; W: www.jhfitnessacademy.co.uk
Like us on Facebook for more information.

— Bar Hill Church —

Bar Hill Church belongs to several denominations, including the Church of England, the United Reformed Church, the Methodist Church, the Baptist Union and the Society of Friends. The Minister is **Charles Mather**, who may be contacted on charlesmather20@yahoo.com or tel: **01954 277119**. The church website is at www.barhillchurch.org.uk the Facebook page is at https://facebook.com/barhillchurch and our Twitter account is @BarHillChurch.

SERVICES FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY

Everyone is welcome to attend our services as follows:

December

Sun. 4th	**10am**	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Taize Service
Sun. 11th	**8am**	Holy Communion
	10am	Gift and Crib service
	6.30pm	Re:Boot contemporary worship
Thur. 15th	**2.30pm**	Carols in the Octagon followed by refreshments.
Sun. 18th	**10am**	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Village Carol Service by Candlelight
Sat. 24th	**4pm**	Christingle Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion
Sun. 25th	**10am**	Christmas Day worship

January

Sun. 1st	**10am**	Morning Worship
Sun. 8th	**10am**	Holy Communion and Covenant service
Sun. 15th	**10am**	Holy Communion
	5.30pm	Teatime worship
	6.30pm	Candle Service of Remembrance
Sun. 22nd	**8am**	Holy Communion
	10am	Morning Worship
Wed. 25th	**10am**	Holy Communion
Sun. 29th	**10am**	Morning Worship

Totzone, Kidzone and Café Church take place during 10am services except during the All Together Worship Services. 10am services are followed by tea/coffee, and there is a Traidcraft stall selling a range of fairly traded products.

EVENT: ***An evening of sketches, readings and songs with a Christmas/Winter theme.***
Saturday 3rd December at 8pm
Tickets £5 from Chris Avery on **01954 781233** or Di Chapman.

EVENT: **CHRISTMAS CAROLS** ***with refreshments.***
Thursday 15th December at 2.30pm
in the **Octagon.**
Come and sing carols – everyone welcome.

EVENT: **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**
Sunday 18th December at 6.30pm
This is our annual Village Carol Service. It will include traditional carols as well as a couple of modern ones, readings and drama.

EVENT: **CANDLE SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**
Sunday 15th January at 6.30pm
This is a quiet service with the opportunity for anyone to light a candle in memory of a loved one who has died, whether in the past year or earlier. It is followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

PRAYER FOR STREETS

Each month we pray for people in our streets. During **December** we will be praying for **Gladeside**; and in **January Chestnut Rise** and **Hanover Close**. If residents have a particular prayer request for themselves or their family they are welcome to e-mail **Ginny** on outreach@barhillchurch.org.uk

Traidcraft

Come and buy Fair Trade items from our Traidcraft stall each Sunday after the morning Service.

— GROUPS FOR ADULTS —

MUSIC GROUP

This group meets at 7.30pm most Friday evenings in the Church to practise the music for Sunday services.
If you sing or play an instrument, you would be very welcome to join us. For further details, please contact **Bob Chappell** on education@barhillchurch.org.uk

COFFEE STOP

Every Wednesday from 10am–midday in the Bar Hill Library.
Coffee, tea and biscuits are served at a modest price.
A friendly meeting for all to chat with friends old and new.
Contact **Sue Kenchington** on **01954 780260.**

ART GROUP

Whether you are a complete beginner or an experienced painter, this group will give you a warm welcome on Wednesday afternoons throughout the year from **1.30–4.00pm** in the Church. Meetings are very informal, with occasional visits from tutors. If you are new to painting, materials are available to borrow to help you get started.
Contact **Jan Hewins** on **01954 201495.**

ECO GROUP

The group meets for an hour in alternate months to think about how we as a local community can best use our world's resources, both for our own benefit and for that of future generations. For further details please contact **Marguerite** on ecogroup@barhillchurch.org.uk

HOMEGROUPS

Would you like an opportunity to meet other Christians for Bible Study and Prayer? Our homegroups provide an informal but supportive environment. Our present theme is "**Fruitfulness on the Front Line**". In **January** we begin a new series on "**Matters of life and death**".
For more information contact **Bob Chappell:** education@barhillchurch.org.uk

— Bar Hill Church —

KNIT & NATTER

Thursday afternoons from **1.15–3.30pm** in the Octagon.
Christmas Lunch will be on **Saturday 10th December** at **1200** in the **Octagon**.
Everyone is very welcome, whether to knit, or just to chat and meet new friends.
Contact **Sue Kenchington** on **01954 780260**.

BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT GROUP

The craft group is open to anyone who enjoys or would like to start knitting, crochet, card-making or any other creative crafts. We meet in the Octagon from 2.15–4.45pm one Saturday each month for a couple of hours chatting, crafting and enjoying a chance to unwind. Please bring your own craft activity and materials – refreshments are provided. There is **no meeting** in **December**; next meeting: **Saturday 21st January**.
Contact **Wendy** on **01954 782041** for more details.

—CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE —

Cafe Church

On the first and third Sunday of each month the Children and Young people meet together in the Octagon for breakfast and worship and a learning activity
On the second and fifth Sunday of each month we have Kidzone with activities for Primary aged children
Totzone (4 years old and under) meets each week in the Meetings Room during the morning service.
On the fourth Sunday all ages meet together in the Worship Centre for our All Together Worship service.
During All Together Worship/Family services all ages meet together in the Main Worship Hall.
(11th & 25th December and 1st January).

— YOUNG PEOPLE —

REBOOT

(2nd Sunday of the month)
This informal evening service, held from 6.30–8.00pm, is for adults and young people. It begins with cake, biscuits and drinks and uses contemporary music and format.

YOUTH SOCIALS

An opportunity to relax and play games (including Wii, pool, table tennis) or themed parties on the first Sunday per month from 7.15–9.00pm in the Octagon (school year 7–8s may be collected at 8:30pm).

FOR MORE INFORMATION about any of these and other activities for children and/or young people, please contact Heather at cyp@barhillchurch.org.uk

— FAMILIES —

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Saturday 24th December at 4pm
in the **Worship Hall.**

This is a very informal, family friendly, Christmas service in which we explore the symbolism behind the Christingle. Come and make your own Christingle. It's a great way to start your Christmas celebrations.

GIFT & CRIB SERVICE

Sunday 11th December at 10.00am

This All Together Worship Service offers the opportunity for everyone to take part in acting out the Christmas Story. (Costumes are available for those who would like to take part). During the service, gifts for people at Jimmy's Night Shelter and the Women's Refuge are collected.

MESSY CHURCH

For pre-school and primary age children and their carers meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.
Join us for a Bible story and related craft activities followed by a simple meal.
There will be **no Messy Church** in **December** but we will resume on **Wednesday 18th January**. All are welcome
For more information, please contact **Heather** at cyp@barhillchurch.org.uk

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Thur.	Pilates *(school term time only)*	10–11am
Thur.	Weightwatchers	7–7.50pm
Fri.	Baby Sensory	10.30–12.30pm
Fri.	Martial Arts	7.30–9pm
Sun.	Bingo *(doors open 7pm)* Cash prizes	7.30–9pm

If you wish to book any of these facilities, or get more information, please call **01954 782414** and leave a clear message. We'll call back within 24 hours (Monday to Friday); or e-mail barhill.villagehall@btconnect.com

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from **2–4pm** on **Tuesdays** at **Bar Hill Library.**
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— A CRIMINAL'S PERFECT CHRISTMAS —

Day 1 – targeted houses in darkness during the evening.
Day 2 – scoured car parks for gift shopping left on car seats.
Day 3 – took purses from handbags in shopping trolleys while owners browsed shelves.
Day 4 – knew which houses to break into because could see presents around the tree.
Day 5 – took bulging wallet from a man's loose pocket.
Day 6 – raided freezers in unlocked garages.
Day 7 – looked around for deliveries on doorsteps (I hate friendly neighbours who take them in for safe keeping).

That's the food and presents sorted ☺. Now all I have to do is wait for gift packaging to appear beside wheelie bins and I'll know which houses have anything else I fancy ☺.

Remember – for the criminal it only takes a moment; for you, the effect lingers a long time. Please be a good neighbour and help keep our community safe.
If you notice anything suspicious report it on 101 (or 999 if a crime is happening).
Wishing you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.
Pam Vendy, NHW Village Co-ordinator

— HEIDI ALLEN MP —

Once again we're once again in unchartered waters, both nationally with regards to Brexit and locally in terms of the City Deal. Whilst it's frustrating to ask people to be patient in this fast paced, modern, Twitter dominated world it's easy to underestimate the value of scrutiny and consultation. We shouldn't. Taking time to consult, probe and examine what is being put forward is the starting point for any successful negotiation and I remain confident that we have some sound navigators at the helm, being held to account by democracy in action.
I have been vocal about my opposition to the City Deal plan for Busway 3 and 3A (Cambourne to Cambridge route via the Westfields.) I sense the City Deal board are rushing because of spending deadlines imposed at deal inception. I believe a more creative and workable solution is possible and I'll make sure my voice is in the mix as these discussions move forward.
The new Papworth Hospital celebrated their next phase of development with a 'Top Out' at their new building on the Addenbrooke's campus. Having helped to level out a slab of concrete, a fir tree was swung over the building to ward away bad luck – apparently a tradition of the Norwegian contractor Skansa! The new site is extremely impressive with state of the art theatres, en-suite bedrooms and world class research facilities. Another great local NHS success story.
I was thrilled and humbled to be awarded 'Conservative Newcomer MP of the Year' by the Patchwork foundation. The award looked at the work my team and I have been doing to give a voice to underrepresented people, such as the disabled community. I only learn about those without a voice because you tell me, so please keep your emails, thoughts and feedback coming – I'm listening.
As always, do get in touch with any issues.
You're welcome come to my "no appointment needed" drop in surgeries. The next date is **10th December**. Full details are on my website www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries or drop me an e-mail at heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk or call my office at **01954 212707.**

— MAPLE SURGERY NEWS —

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Christmas and New Year Closure – the surgery will be closed on Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th December and Monday 2nd January. In an emergency during that time, please call **111**.
Repeat prescribing over Christmas – if your repeat medication is due during the Christmas period, we will accept repeat requests from 1st December. Patients requiring more than a month's medication, please indicate on your repeat request why extra is required.
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— TESCO COMMUNITY NEWS —

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We'll be having a book sale for **British Heart Foundation** and **Diabetes UK** during our last charity event of the year. This will take place Friday 9th–11th December. If you have any books or DVDs you no longer require please bring them in; they can be left at customer surfaces.
November saw voting for **Bags of Help**. Three outdoor projects, including Bar Hill Primary School, were competing for either £8,000, £10,000 or £12,000. I look forward to announcing how much the school won when all the figures have been collated.
There is now a permanent collection point in store for a the **Cambridge Food Bank**. We are working on a wish list of items that are in short supply, though nothing turned away. The list is available on the container near the Community Room.
We ran 15 **Farm to Fork trials** during November, including Bar Hill Primary School year 5 and 6.
To see photos from the above events or for more information please see our Facebook page 'Community at Bar Hill Tesco'.
There is lots going on in store over the Festive Period and we look forward to seeing you in store.
So that just leaves me to wish you a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year** from the Community Team.
Karen Taylor, Community Champion Bar Hill Tesco, barhill.communitychampion@gmail.com.
Julie Sheppard is responsible for the community room and farm to fork trails.
Contact: barhillcommunityspace@gmail.com.
Andrew Bailey's role it is to enhance your shopping experience along with assisted shops when needed; contact: **07858 404103**.

BAR HILL BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

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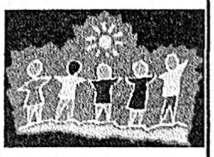

Ordinary session price includes children's snacks, drink, craft, play and adult tea/coffee. Under 1: £1.50; Over 1: £2.50; Family: £3.50.

Winter Special Events:

Fri. 2nd Dec.	Cake sale and Teddy Bears Picnic
Fri. 9th Dec.	Toddler Nativity
Wed. 14th Dec.	Christmas Party (with Santa)
Fri. 16th Dec.	End of term and final meeting
Sat. 11th Feb.	The Snow Ball!

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Repeat Prescriptions – last date for ordering repeat prescriptions in time for the Christmas holidays is **Wednesday 21st December**. The last date for collection of medicines before Christmas will be **Friday 23rd December** by **1pm at Longstanton Surgery** and **6.30pm at Willingham Pharmacy**.
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— BAR HILL CHILDMINDERS —

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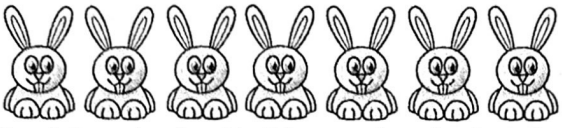

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For further information, contact **Wendy Arrowsmith** on **01954 781381** or **Sue Kenchington** on **01954 780260.**

BAR HILL CRICKET CLUB

For details or information about the club, call **Paul Stimpson** on **01954 201212** or visit www.barhillcricket.org.uk.

DO YOU WANT TO HAVE A SAY IN IMPROVING SERVICES FROM HEALTH OR SOCIAL CARE?

Cambridgeshire Alliance for Independent Living (CAIL) is a local independent charity that works to improve services by raising the voice of people living with all disabilities.

One of the ways we do this is by bringing people with all disabilities and carers (called independent members), health and social care teams, and voluntary sector organisations (such as Age UK, Voice Ability, Cam Sight and the Carer's Trust) together at 'Partnership Board' meetings.

The Partnership Boards are opportunities for you to have your say about what is good about health and social care services, such as home care and day centres, and what you would like to improve or where you would like to see changes. Recent activities by the Partnership Boards include raising concerns about home care, which are now being examined closely by the county council, involvement in helping to develop a new carers strategy and involvement in the process for choosing organisations to run carers services.

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A14 CAMBRIDGE TO HUNTINGDON IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

Many villagers attended the recent public information exhibitions regarding the A14 Improvement Scheme. Thank you for the support and interest. The purpose of the exhibitions was to provide information that would help in planning journeys and understanding the impact the scheme may have on individuals, businesses and communities.

Another area of interest is the opportunities that may be available for businesses to work with the scheme. There will be an opportunity for small- and medium-sized businesses to find out more at a **Meet the Buyer Day** on **12th January 2017** at **Wood Green Animal Shelter** (pre-registration is required). More details can be found at: www.123contactform.com/form-2035856/A14-IDT-Supplier-Day. Posters will be available in the near future, so look out for them around the village.

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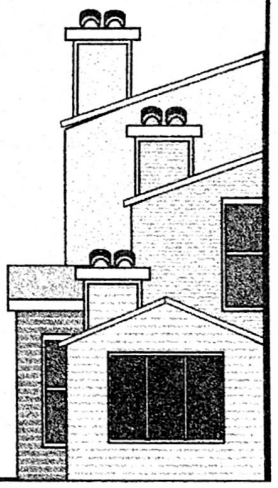

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— COUNCILLOR NOTES —

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South Cambs ecologist receives award

Rob Mungovan, who works for South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC), hooked the top award after working for more than 20 years to conserve and improve rivers and small streams across the country. The Wild Trout Trust's National Hero award recognises a professional whose work has furthered the cause of wild trout conservation and management in Britain and Ireland.

In addition to his work, Rob spends much of his own time helping local communities. He has spent many hours with volunteers in Bar Hill with the Cambridge Conservators working in the balancing pond. Next date in Bar Hill for volunteers is **19th February 2017**.

Look out for your South Cambs magazine Winter 2016

This is due out between 22/11/16–7/12/16. Please let me know if you don't receive yours.

Funding available for helping the elderly

A £19,000 grant pot aimed at supporting older residents to live independently in their own homes has opened. SCDC is encouraging community schemes to step forward and bid before 16th December 2016. In previous years the scheme has helped support around 250 local residents.

Schemes match elderly residents with a local warden and, for a small charge, offer regular personal visits and telephone calls. These don't replace social care services, but do provide additional support and peace of mind to residents and their families. Existing schemes are run by local communities, many with the support of Care Network or Age UK Cambridgeshire. For further information about the grants, and to apply online, visit www.scambs.gov.uk/content/mobile-warden-scheme-grants. If you would like to know more about the scheme, know individuals who could benefit from this service, or you would like to consider setting one up in your area, contact SCDC on Duty.Communities@scambs.gov.uk or **01954 713070**.

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Kitchen Assistant: assisting with general kitchen duties and preparing tea and cake for our clients in the afternoon 1–3pm. Days for volunteering can be flexible or on a regular basis.

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Parent/Carer Partnership

From September we are introducing **Online Learning Journals** where each parent can follow the development of their child in words and pictures via a secure login. Please contact us on the above telephone numbers or: enquiries@barhillpreschool.co.uk

Our setting manager as well as session allocation coordinator, Sarah, and her deputy Michele are always on hand to support you through the registration process. We look forward to meeting you and your child.

— BAR HILL COLTS FOOTBALL CLUB —

New Season, New Players, New Kit

The new season for the Bar Hill Foxes has seen new players join and a new kit. The Foxes welcomed Dan Norden and Issy Bryant at the start of the season – they have been a fantastic addition to the team. We have also seen the return of Ollie Sargent. A big thank you goes to Domino Printing of Bar Hill for sponsoring the new kit. The kids look great!

It's been a challenging start, but with the improvements already made since the start of the season, a first win came in October, followed by a draw. The team continues to surprise me with their attitude – we have had some hard games and they never give up. This was epitomised by the recent draw, coming back twice from a goal down. Good luck to the team for the rest of the season.

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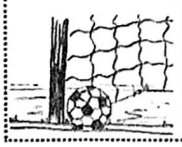

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— COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT —

Frustratingly, the County Council's extraordinary meeting to vote on the devolution deal for Cambs and Peterborough was postponed from 15th to 22nd Nov, missing the copy deadline for this issue of Bar Hill News. I had hoped to be able to let you know whether or not the vote had been in favour or against. I am in favour of devolution. I believe that this is a one-off chance to secure much needed additional money for affordable housing in South Cambridgeshire, in addition to the £20m a year for 30 years which will allow for much needed investment in infrastructure. The £100m for housing will deliver a minimum of 2,000 homes. Accepting this first deal will also open the door to other deals in the future.

After a very mild autumn, temperatures are starting to fall and everyone is turning up the thermostat at home. Coping with the cost of heating can be challenging and the County Council has formed a partnership with iChooser, to provide a collective fuel provision offer. iChooser is the UK's leading expert in collective energy switching and the delivery of bespoke and highly competitive energy tariffs and in partnering with them, the Council is able to offer the Cambridgeshire Energy Switch scheme. It looks likely that wholesale energy prices will continue to rise in the foreseeable future and it makes sense to try and fix your tariff. You can register for the scheme at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/cambsenergyswitch. Alternatively you can get help to find the most economical tariff from the Citizens' Advice Bureau [CAB]: www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/energy/energy-supply/get-a-better-energy-deal/compare-gas-and-electricity-prices/. The majority of consumers never investigate the financial benefits of switching. The process is now easier than in the past and the financial benefits can really be worth the time and effort to find the best deal.

If you would like to know more about the work of Cambridgeshire County Council, please let me know and I will add you to the circulation of the full report I write monthly for parish councils.

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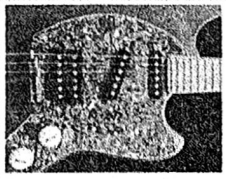

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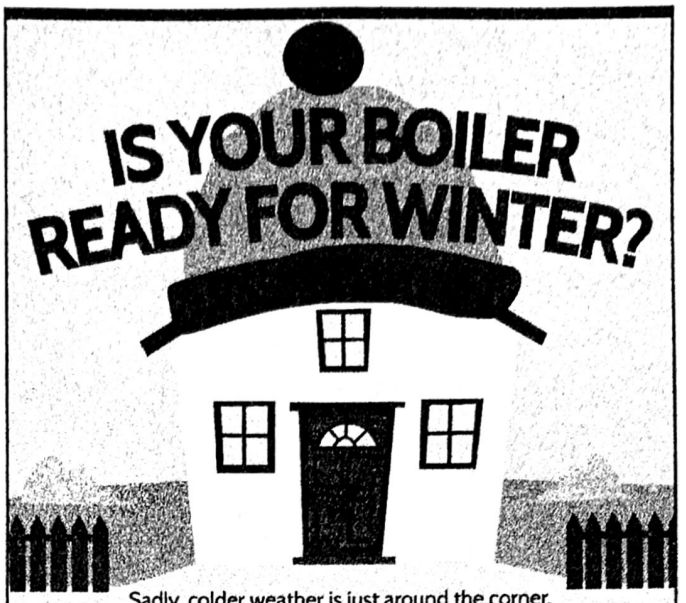

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- Switch off fairy lights and unplug them before you go to bed or leave the house. Make sure they conform to the British Standard and never overload plug sockets.
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What's on…in December

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16th Ladies night, cocktails and karaoke. 1/3 off all drinks for ladies. From 8pm.
17th Christmas raffle draw night. From 8pm.
24th Christmas Eve Disco with £250 cash draw.
25th Christmas Day drink – a free drink for all members. Open 12pm-2pm.
28th Live music from the Fluffy Wangers, followed by karaoke. From 7pm.
31st New Year's Eve Disco. Inflatable fun for the kids, plus a cash draw.

…in January

14th Members' draw.
21st The BIG Quiz – £150 prize fund. £1 per person, max 6 per team. General knowledge with a twist.
28th Members' draw.

Non-members are very welcome to all these events.

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Along with enjoying the Christmas season and the excitement of national acclaim, we are also opening our doors to any parents or grandparents in the community that would like to visit the school before putting in an application for a place in our Reception.

To support families, we offered an Open Evening on Tuesday, 29th November. There is also the opportunity to book a visit to the school during any morning. Any parents interested in receiving a copy of our prospectus and/or visiting the school should contact the front office by emailing: office@barhill.cambs.sch.uk, or phoning: 01954 273305. We look forward to seeing you.

On behalf of the school, I wish every member of the Bar Hill Community the peace of the season and a joyful new year.

Yours sincerely
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Storytime welcomes children of pre-school age – and their older brothers and sisters who are supervised by an adult – to a short session of book-based enjoyment.

This free event introduces children to their local library, helping them to find out all that is to be gained from learning to read. There is no need to book, just come along.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, — BAR HILL BRANCH —

The Royal British Legion Bar Hill meets on the 4th Thursday of each month in the meeting room of the Octagon from 7.30pm.

We are a small friendly group of like-minded people. You don't need to have an Armed Forces background to join, just share a common cause of supporting our Service Community, now and for the rest of their lives.

We would like to thank all those who helped with the Poppy Appeal this year, be it giving money, attending the services or helping with the collection either at Tesco or the shops or other places with in the village.

A VISIT TO AMEY WASTE MANAGEMENT PARK

A small group from Bar Hill Eco Church group visited. The striking thing as you go round is realising how much we throw away, and that it doesn't just disappear when we put it in a bin or throw it on the ground.

The site deals with waste from the blue, black and green bins from 600,000 Cambridgeshire residents. Because it costs the council £84 a ton to dispose of waste in landfill, the council is keen to get residents to use our bins correctly to minimise that amount and maximise the amount of waste that is recycled. The green waste is made into compost that is free to anyone who can come and collect it.

At Waterbeach they can do more than many other sites, which is partly why messages we get about recycling are sometimes different to other areas and sometimes appear to change. It is amazing how much they can do. However, we can make life there easier, and costs lower, by using our bins better. Many people do this very well but key points we were all asked to remember were:

Green bins: food and plants yes, but **no plastic bags, stones** or **soil**. They make the waste unusable and can damage the machines that chop up the waste. Use paper or cardboard to wrap or contain food waste.

Blue bins: rinse bottles and tubs etc. first. This doesn't have to use much water; old washing up water is enough. It is much easier for us to clean things before they dry than for workers on site to do it, and rotten food can be pretty horrible by then.

Black bins: the last resort for really **dirty things** and **'don't-knows'**. But please, **no videos**; the tape is a nightmare for the separating machines.

— FRIENDS OF THE ROSIE —

Season's Greetings from Friends of the Rosie. We wish all our customers a brilliant 2017. The Friends of the Rosie are helping to make the Rosie Hospital a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. If you have any toy stuffing or yarn we are in urgent need of your donation. For up-to-the minute information follow Rosie in Stitches Facebook page.

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Saturday **3rd December** 10.30am–2pm **Bar Hill Community Market**, The Octagon, CB23 8EH.

Thursday **8th December** 10am–4pm **Outpatient Foyer, Addenbrooke's Hospital.**

Wednesday **14th December** 12.00–2pm **Christmas Market Marketing Suite**, Cambourne Business Park.

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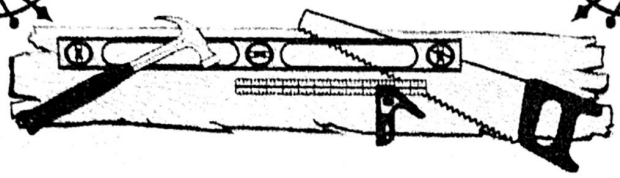

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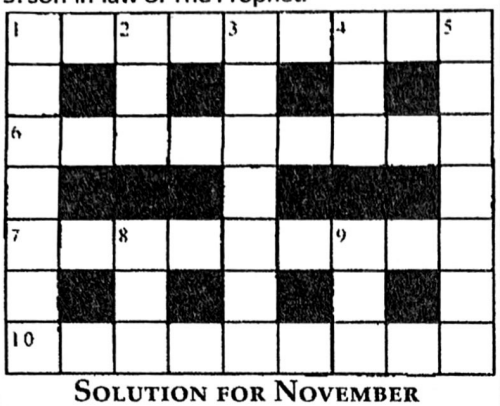
— DECEMBER CROSSWORD —

Across: 1. food once eaten from these.
6. "In the bleak — —— " C. Rossetti.
7. "A life on the ---- —". 10. e.g. Christmas.
Down: 1. leave. 2. finality. 3. Italian red wine.
4. what one does with food. 5. a meal may well appear from here. 8. river & town in Germany.
9. son-in-law of The Prophet.



Solution for November

Across: 1. Comberton. 6. Cottenham.
7. Newmarket. 10. tottering.
Down: 1. coconut. 2. MOT. 3. elevate.
4. tah. 5. name tag. 8. wet. 9. koi.

— BIN COLLECTION DATES —

Weds. 7th Dec.	green and blue bins
Weds. 14th Dec.	black bin
Weds. 21st Dec.	blue bin *only*
Thurs. 29th Dec.	black bin
Thurs. 5th Jan.	green and blue bins
Weds. 11th Jan.	black bin
Weds. 18th Jan.	blue bin *only*
Weds. 25th Jan.	black bin
Weds. 1st Feb.	green and blue bins
Weds. 8th Feb	black bin

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— DECEMBER PUZZLE —

Form nine, nine letter **Christmas words** in groups of three letters, in alphabetical order.

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Solution for November: ASTRAKHAN, BALACLAVA , BILLYCOCK, DUNSTABLE, GLENGARRY, HEADDRESS, RAMILLIES, STOVEPIPE, SUGARLOAF.

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— EVENTS CALENDAR —

date	*event*	*where*	*time*
1 December	8 O'clock Club – Members' Christmas dinner *(page 3)*	School	8pm
3 December	Bar Hill Christmas Community Market *(page 1)*	Octagon & Church	10.30am – 2pm
3 December	Bar Hill School PTA Christmas Fayre *(page 1)*	School	2.30–4.30pm
3 December	"A Seasonal Miscellany" *(page 1)*	Church	8pm
5 December	Happy Hours – Christmas sing-a-long *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
6 December	Operation Hunter – Neighbourhood Watch event *(page 1)*	Church	5.30–8pm
8 December	NWR – BREXIT or Bust? *(page 3)*		8pm
9 December	Bar Hill School end of term Discos *(page 3)*	School	*various*
9 December	Christmas Fayre at Over Day Centre *(page 1)*	Over Day Centre	2pm
10 December	Storytime *(page 26)*	Bar Hill Library	10.30am
12 December	Happy Hours – Members' Christmas dinner *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
15 December	Christmas Carols *(page 6)*	Octagon	2.30pm
16 December	Ladies Night! Karaoke & dancing *(page 25)*	BHSSC	7.30pm
17 December	Christmas Raffle *(page 25)*	BHSSC	
18 December	Carols by Candlelight *(page 6)*	Church	6.30pm
19 December	Happy Hours – *no meeting*		
21 December	Bar Hill Preschool Christmas Crafts *(page 1)*	Village Hall	10am–12 noon
22 December	NWR – Don't Mention Christmas Quiz *(page 3)*		8pm
24 December	Christmas Eve Disco with £250 cash draw *(page 25)*	BHSSC	
25 December	Christmas Day free drink for all members *(page 25)*	BHSSC	12–2pm
26 December	Happy Hours – *no meeting*		
31 December	New Year's Eve disco incl. inflatable fun for kids *(page 25)*	BHSSC	
2 January	Happy Hours – *no meeting*		
5 January	NWR – Speaker *(page 3)*		8pm
9 January	Happy Hours – games and a quiz *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
12 January	Meet the Buyer Day *(page 8)*	Wood Green	9am onwards
14 January	Storytime *(page 26)*	Bar Hill Library	10.30am
15 January	Candle Service of Remembrance *(page 6)*	Church	6.30pm
16 January	Happy Hours – charades *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
19 January	NWR – my worst job ever *(page 3)*		8pm
21 January	The Big Quiz – £150 prize fund *(page 25)*	BHSSC	
23 January	Happy Hours – fun with flags *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
28 January	Storytime *(page 26)*	Bar Hill Library	10.30am
28 January	Bar Hill School PTA – the Big Quiz *(page 30)*	School	7pm *for* 7.30pm
30 January	Happy Hours – Chinese New Year *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
2 February	NWR – mental health the last taboo *(page 3)*		8pm
2 February	8 O'clock Club – Talk about the Norris Museum *(page 3)*	School	8pm
4 February	Community Market *(page 3)*	Octagon	10.30am – 2pm

Bar Hill School PTA
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